

# Stewart Valley School



September  
2020

## Welcome!

It's been a long time since we were all gathered here at Stewart Valley School. To hear the voices throughout the building once again brings the school alive. We hope that you and your families were able to stay healthy and enjoy some of the extra quality time together.

As we get back into the swing of thing, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work into our routines with the new protocols.

We would also like to extend a warm Stewart Valley welcome to the new Kindergarten Students and their families: Logan Binner (Laura and Tyler), Austynn Knudsen (Dannielle and Tyler), and Ella Furseth (Jenna and Kyle). We also are pleased to welcome: Emma and Hanna Lee (Nicole and Gerritt), and Neko and Reeve Williams- Ruf (Jodi and Brad).

Our staff has seen a few changes as well. We are excited to have Mr. Jared Wipf as the room 2 teacher, and filling the principal position. Ms. Kelsey Pillman is now the room 1 teacher and Mr. Simon Skerten is our new custodian.

## Here is the 2020-2021 Stewart Valley School Staff

Mr. Jared Wipf	Principal / Room 2 Teacher
Ms. Kelsey Pillman	Room 1 Teacher
Mr. Brad Ruf	Room 3 Teacher
Mrs. Naomi Penner	French/Math/Student Services Teacher
Mrs. Jennifer Switzeer	Band Instructor
Mrs. Bonnie Moon	Office Manager
Ms. Simon Skerten	Custodian
Mrs. Kathy King	Librarian/ Noon Hour Supervisor



“ Don't let  
what you  
can't do  
stop you  
from  
doing  
what you  
can do.”  
– John  
Wooden.

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## From the Principal's Desk

It is with great excitement that I begin my journey as principal of Stewart Valley School. The staff, parents, and community members I have met thus far have welcomed me as I transition into this new role. If I have not yet connected with you, I look forward to the opportunity in the near future. In time, I believe that you will recognize my passion for education. I take great pride in the work that I do and strive to improve myself personally and professionally each and every day.

Upon joining the school team, I quickly recognized that Stewart Valley School is a great place to be. The student achievement and parental involvement quickly caught my attention. The staff know the students and community, and they work together as a team. My intention is to build on these wonderful things and help the school continuously improve.

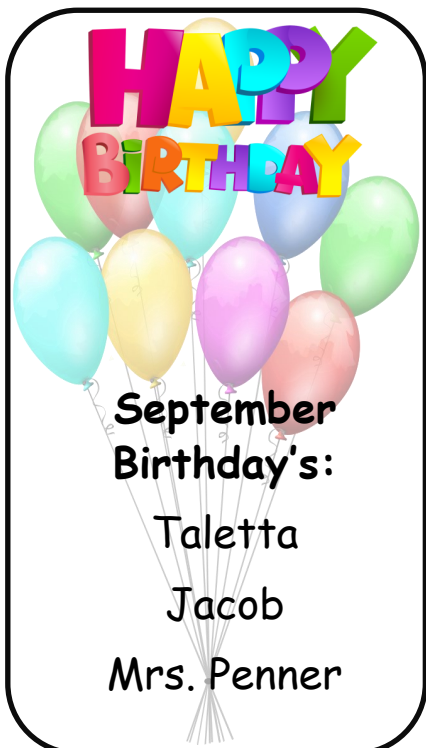
This school year is going to look like no other. We all find ourselves in unprecedented times, faced with unique and never before seen challenges. Increased flexibility and patience will be required for us all. As the ongoing pandemic is constantly changing, it is anticipated that the school year will change along with it.

Working together, I know that we can make this a safe and meaningful school year.

Mr. Wipf



**BACK TO  
SCHOOL!**



### Stewart Valley School Website

Keep informed about the great things that have been going on here and about upcoming events..

Go to: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/stewartvalley>

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 12:** No School, Happy Thanksgiving!

**October 22:** Photo Retakes

**October 26:** No School, Provincial Election



We are please to let you know at this time, we do not have anyone in the building that is nut sensitive. However, should someone inform us of a nut sensitivity, then we will need to put restrictions in place and information will be forwarded to all families.

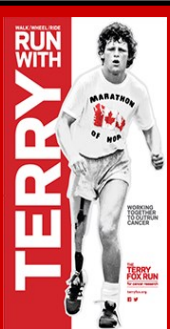


Thursday September 17th

School Photos will take place on Thursday September 17th before recess. Preschool children are welcome to have their photos taken and will be taken promptly at 9 a.m.

*Don't forget your smile!*

Friday  
September  
18th



Stewart Valley School is proud to take part in this year's 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope on September 18th. Please help show your support by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/StewartValley>. Students can even get involved too by creating their own fundraising page under their school name: <https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/>. Thank you for supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation



**Orange Shirt Day**  
**September 30th**

Please wear a shirt to show your support!

**Orange Shirt Day** (September 30th) is a **day** set aside to support and remember the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. Please wear a orange shirt if you are able.

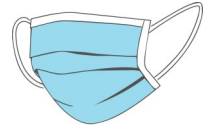


We have tentatively booked swimming lessons on October 5th - 8th from 1 - 2:30 p.m. However we are still trying to work out the details. If we are not able to finalize the plans in time, we may need to re-schedule them for a later date. We had anticipated the Kindergarten students to attend the two extra days in order for them to be able to

participate in the lessons as well . Should we need to reschedule the lessons, then Kindergarten days will only be on October 6th and 8th. I will be asking for swimming levels if we are able go ahead with lessons.

## Parents/Guardians Entering the School During the School Day:

- For early pick up of a child, please call the office and we will send your child to meet you outside the West (main) doors. Please wait for your child outside and do not enter the building. All exterior school doors will be locked during the school day. •
- If you wish to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher or the principal, please call the school (306-778-9280) to arrange an appointment.
- To enter the building, parents/guardians must call the office from outside the building to be screened for entry. A staff member will ask them the COVID-19 screening questions, they will be required to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer upon entry, and must sign in at the office. These protocols are in place to limit the number of visitors in our school and to keep both staff and students safe.
- If items need to be dropped off for your child, please notify the office and place the item in the "drop-off" bin outside the main doors. We will deliver the item to your child.



## Sick Children:

- There is a strict stay-at-home policy for any students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (even if symptoms resemble a mild cold). Visit the Saskatchewan Health Authority's website for a list of COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a child becomes ill while at school a parent or guardian will be contacted to pick up the child immediately and the following will take place:
  - The classroom teacher will notify the principal or designate, who will take the child to the isolation room.
  - The sick child will remain in this room until a parent/guardian/emergency contact is able to pick them up.
  - Sick children will not be allowed to ride the bus at the end of the day.
  - The child's family will call Public Health (811) and receive further direction.

